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Letter from Sarah Whitney, Boston, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, New York, 1862 May 6

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wide well. Margt proposes to return
on Thurs. If the pictures are ^{ready &} satisfactory
I will send some by her - Till Friday,
I love her, but my promise was a
conditional one! If the artist ~~tricks~~
not flattered, she will not expect a
picture - If I can find any one to agree
with me in my estimate of the one ordered
she shall have it - executed perhaps after
your method. I wish you had sent me
word what plants I promised & have
not sent -

Very lovingly Sarah

Tues. night May 6th

[May 6, Tues.]
= 1862

Your prayer dearest for the pho-
tographs cannot be immediately an-
swered - but the all's well may be uttered
to night & in proof thereof I inform you
that Father has been spending the day with
Margt in Framingham, Mother has been
busy in & out of the house all day long, visiting
with Aunt Lizzie the deer & ducks on Mr Cushing's
place in the morning & attending the Soldiers sewing
meeting in the P.M. - Edward dined at home at
1 o'clock & expected to be in Washington at
10 tomorrow morning. - The children are happy
& Kate faithful & pass unwashed. Showers
& Sunshine have done their best to beautify
us since you left & I feel that it is time for
me to do my part - I shall seek a helper on
the hill in the course of a day or two. Tomor-
row I am to go to Boston with H. to seek relief
for her murdered feet at the hands of a
Chiropractist & get if they are done the cards,
& call upon your friend N.D. Whitney & do

What else time & strength allow & pleasure
suggests. Sunday Carrie & I took the boys
& two Barnards to the waterfall - It was
very lovely & did us good - but I was sorry
to miss thereby most of a long call from
Fatie & Mr L. We are in daily expectation
since of a summons to Newburyport. The
May flower however must come to us this
year - I gathered in great haste this & in some
blood root for Mary but lost with all my
hurry the chance to take it to her - It came
however to night when I went to the depot
for father & Mr. Poor Mary! Bloodroot &
Passion flowers symbolize all her life in the
spring time - I found her in the depths of
sorrow at the death of Mr Lombard, "her sec-
ond father" her "nephew nearly beloved". Her
mother too has been very ill since we saw her -
so much so on Fri. night (I think it was) that
Mary did not undress - On the same night
the rest of the family consisting of 4 or 5 per-
sons were actively employed in saving from

death a friend from Phil. who came to
testify in the impending trial. All this will
give emphasis if any be needed to Mary's message
that "if you do not hear from her it will not be
for want of love." I cannot help her in her
grief - you can & will -

Perhaps you will see Edwin before I do & learn
what took him off so suddenly - Trading with
Government I suppose - Mrs Barnard heard
Mr Phillips on Sunday - If you hear the same lec-
ture in B - you will learn that if Mc Lellan is
to be the next Pres. it will not be through Mr
P's vote. I don't believe Peace has dawned
yet - certainly not the peace wh. is to endure -
the fire has not yet purified this people -
the Boston Courier still lives.

That I may gather Sanguinaria for
Mrs Parker & Miss Ryan before breakfast
it behoves me to go to bed now - Give
a great deal of love to the Manning house-
hold & the Whitney also. I am anxious
to hear that James is free from cough & other -



Miss Anne Whitney
Care Messrs. Manning & Squire
New York.